

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SJR 134**

April 4, 2001

#### **SUMMARY OF BILL:**

- Directs the Department of Economic and Community Development to conduct a study relative to the provision of adequate wireless telecommunications service in rural and other low-population areas throughout the State.
- Requires specific issues to be addressed in such study.
- Requires the Comptroller of the Treasury to provide assistance to the Department of Economic and Community Development in the form of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data and maps and any other assistance requested by the Commissioner.
- Requires the Department of Economic and Community Development to report its findings and recommendations relative to such study, including any proposed legislation, to the Senate and House Commerce Committees of the 102nd General Assembly no later than February 15, 2002.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

##### **Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant**

Estimate assumes the following:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Economic and Community Development they do not have sufficient resources or information to complete the study directed by the bill and will contract with the Tennessee Regulatory Agency to complete the study.
- Based on information provided by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, the study could be completed by agency staff using existing personnel and resources.
- Based on information provided by the Comptroller's Office, staff time to provide GIS data and maps to the Department of Economic and Community Development is minimal and can be accomplished within the existing budget.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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